U.S. Move to Impose trade sanctions against Iran

2013. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported US move to impose trade sanctions against Iran;

(b) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the US as it is likely to escalate tension in middle east; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFIARS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issue is tied up with the whole complex of the war between Iran and Iraq. It would be misleading to isolate any single step.

Amount sanctioned to Bihar under the 20-point programme

2014. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned amounts to various states in the country to accelerate the 20 point programme;

(b) if so, the amount provided to Bihar State during the last three years;

(c) the amount out of that spent in each district of the State for this purpose annually; and

(d) the details of construction work completed with this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In the State Plan, the amount provided to Bihar during the last three years under the 20-Point Programme was as follows.

(Rs. crores)

1984-85	549 90
1985-86	571.69
1986-87	772.15

(c) and (d) District-wise information is not monitored by the Centre

Development of Science and Technology

2015 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce Science and Technology in the rural sectors of all the States and Union Territories,

(b) if so, when the decision was taken;

(c) what are the details of the decision,

(d) the action taken by Government in this direction till date;

(e) State-wise and year-wise amount given to States for the purpose after the date of decision; and

(f) whether Government have made any survey to know to what extent the results have been achieved by each of the States in the country particularly in respect of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Effort has been made to introduce science and technology programmes with special emphasis on application of science and technology for rural development in most of the States and Union Territories since the 5th Plan period. Whereas some of the States did set up science and techno-

logy infrastructures, it was after a meeting in August '84 that all the States and Union Territories introduced a specific plan budget head "Scientific Services and Research". During the 7th Five Year Plan specific science and technology schemes of direct relevance to the States and UTs with focus on rural development and to deal with location specific problems have been taken up

(e) Progress of outlay and expenditure on "Scientific Services and Research" in all the States/UTs is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV Annexure No 82].

(f) No survey has been conducted state-wise to assess the results. However, every year, at the time of Annual Plan discussions, the progress of various schemes is discussed. Officers also visit various States to have on the spot discussions relating to progress of various schemes In the Annual Plan discussions, representatives from the central scientific Ministeries and departments are also invited so that an interactive mechanism is ensured. The detailed discussions were held with the officials of Bihar during the current year from the point of view of reviewing the progress of the Seventh Five Year Plan schemes for science and technology sector.

Amounts sanctioned for removal of poverty

2016. SHRI S. S AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had sanctioned amounts to various states under the 20-Point Programme for removal of poverty programmes;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned during the last three financial years (year-wise) to Bihar for the purpose;

(c) the tentative targets of the programme and details thereof and

(d) how far the targets were achieved by the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government had sanctioned amounts to various States under 20-Point Programme for the three major removal of poverty programmes, viz., Integrated Rural Development Programme IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP). While IRDP and cash component under NREP are shared equally between the Centre and the States, the foodgrains under NREP and both cash component and foodgrains under RLEGP are totally funded by the Centre

(b) The amounts released during the last three years by the Central Government to the Government of Bihar under the above programmes are as follows:

(Rs. lakhs)

Programme	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
IRDP	2294 29	2477 45	3382 51
NREP	2780·73	3988 99	7242.04
RLEGP	5692 00	8144 92	8923 72

(c) and (d) The targets under the above three programmes and these achieved by the States/UTs is as follow: